

PLEAS FOR CHARITY

Made to the Court Quite Numerous by the Applicants for Retail Licenses. OPPOSITION TO CHIEF ELLIOT. Some of the Saloonists' Attorneys Think It is a Very Good Point to Make With Judge White.

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A Lety Offers Damaging Testimony Against a Present Holder of a License.

One would think, judging from the statements of some of the applicants, that the Allegheny County License Court was running an opposition shop to the City Department of Charities or the County Poor Farm.

While the attorneys do not urge any such case in this respect, some of them admit that it is a good point to make with Judge White as he is charitably inclined and is glad of a chance to help a deserving man in License Court as well as anywhere else.

THE OPENING SESSION.

Messrs. Christy and Watson Both Felt Like Swearing—The First One Proved a Non-Entity—Didn't Word His Answer Just Right.

When court opened yesterday morning several attorneys had something to say about cases that had passed. Michael C. Dwyer was the first new applicant. His proposed place is on Butler street, near the Sharsburg bridge. Judge White stamped him up on the remark:

"When Mr. Lee closed to measure your dining room, etc., you refused to admit him." "I don't know, your honor," replied Dwyer. "Perhaps I was not home."

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bar tender for James Platt, wants a license for 623 Penn avenue. Attorney Dwyer represents a remonstrance against the place, though not the applicant. The place is not suitable for a restaurant or saloon. It is right in the loop formed by the end of the Penn avenue traction line.

Peter A. Ganster's rent was raised on him at his present place of business and he wants to move to 41 Franktown avenue. Peter (Goodwill and Peter (Goodwill), 31, are in the grocery business on Park avenue and want to open a licensed saloon at 41 Franktown avenue. John Carter has a license at 400 Penn avenue.

At the opening of the afternoon hearings Frank Meringer was the first applicant heard. He wants a retail license at 73 Franktown avenue, where another man also applies for a wholesale license. Frederick Mausman wants a license for 6347 Station street, now occupied by a drug store and Murray is a stonemason, and his wife runs a confectionery store at 423 Penn, where he would like to run a restaurant and saloon.

John A. McKelvey has had a license at 84 Franktown avenue the last year. Attorney Duncan—I represent a remonstrance filed by a number of secret societies who do not conduct the place properly, and that the sidewalk is obstructed by drunk men. I have witnesses ready to prove that he sells to minors and drunk men. I also understand that the restaurant does not amount to anything. He is engaged in other business.

Applicant—We certainly keep a restaurant and a saloon at 84 Franktown avenue. William Heilmann testified that about two weeks ago two boys about 17 years old were sold beer; also that a drunken man drank there when he had to hang onto the bar.

Alleged Selling to Minors. L. D. Heit testified that he told one of the bartenders not to sell a certain young man anything last Saturday night, because he was drunk, but no attention was paid to him.

Mr. Morrison, a member of the Temperance Alliance, testified that he has seen minors and drunken men frequently come out of McKelvey's place and they are so blasphemous, and some times talk to him in a very insulting manner. He also testified that he saw a young man and a woman together in the place and heard one young man tell another he ought not to drink because he was drunk.

Officer McNally testified that it was a large number of people that he found there, but no more than at other places. H. A. McNeill, now licensed at 6234 Station street, and Joseph McKee, now licensed at 6318 Station street, went along easy.

Charles Hoff was one of a wholesale firm last year and wants to be a whole retail firm himself this year at 623 Penn avenue. Judge White—We may have to grant some few new applicants in the places of the old ones who will be refused. We now have to decide which are the best of the new applicants.

Like to License a Colored Man. C. W. Nicholas has a restaurant at 80 Franktown avenue, where he would like to accommodate his colored brethren with whisky straight, etc. There is a pool room upstairs which is the only objection to him.

Judge White—It is like to license a good colored man there, but you can't always depend on them. Charles Hoff, now licensed at 6234 Station street, and Joseph McKee, now licensed at 6318 Station street, went along easy.

Joseph P. Cowan, first man in the Twentieth ward, did not appear. John V. Gray's attorney asked that his case be postponed on account of the severe illness of his wife.

John Grant died the 14th of this month, and his wife, Margaret, appears for a license at 224 Penn avenue. Christian Haas, 5613 Penn avenue, got off easy.

In a Residence District. William R. Kahn appeared on behalf of the Hotel Kennamur, the other proprietor being sick. A remonstrance was filed against Nicholas. His attorney offered to bring witnesses to show that the place was necessary.

Judge White—It is not necessary. Every applicant could doubtless bring a dozen witnesses as to his character and the necessity for the license. Joseph Cohen, now a wholesaler at 7239 Tioga street, wants a retail license.

Applicant—There was no drinking on my premises. A protest has been filed against all applicants for 623 Penn avenue, and George Eichel, who applies for No. 412, is the first man to run up against it. A petition from residents was signed by 100 names. The petitioners found the same remonstrance. Gertha Heitz applies for the third time for 330 Franktown avenue. Theodore A. Heitz is a new applicant for 602 Homewood avenue.

A Man With Two Names. Edward Heitz's real name is C. E. Hees, but a mistake was made many years ago when he enlisted in the army. He is now called Edward Heitz. He applies for 768 Penn avenue. A remonstrance was filed by the citizens of Pittsburgh, who object to his having a 300 feet of the borough, and is entirely unnecessary.

Patrick J. Haggerty was heard for the license at the Homewood Driving Park. John S. Kramer, No. 36 of that street, George Keiser and John Miller, 388 Franktown avenue, have been appointed to hear the case. John A. Ward applies for 319 and 321 Larimer street. The house was returned twice and

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